

## Mayor's Message

June 2011

Although it has been difficult to tell by the temperatures, we are into our summer construction season. One of my mantras is that “the mother of convenience is inconvenience.” That saying reminds me that we have to be out of our comfort zone sometimes in order to make the future bright. I am excited about the upcoming FrontRunner project and the wonderful option it will be for us as an alternate transportation method. Having one of the few platform-to-platform connections to this fast moving train at our Central Station in Murray will be a great benefit to all who chose to use it.

The Mid-Jordan light rail spur will open in the next few months, providing an alternative for travel south and west of the City. These projects come with some pain, but the results will be long lasting. As part of the FrontRunner construction, Vine Street will need to be closed for several weeks. Please consider other routes between about June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup>. Maps of the City that show alternative streets are available on our City web site at [www.murray.utah.gov](http://www.murray.utah.gov).

The long awaited rebuild of 4800 South from Atwood to Van Winkle is also underway. This road will have one-way traffic only for a good portion of the summer, so you may want to consider other routes as you navigate around that area.

My great thanks to the many Murray residents who participated in our sand bag filling events. I was impressed with the wonderful volunteer spirit as neighbors helped neighbors in preparing for the runoff coming our way. Please continue to be ready to help those around you as we anticipate all the water coming from the mountains. I am very appreciative of all the preparation that has been accomplished by Salt Lake County and our Murray City staff.

As we come to the summer season, I would just remind everyone to be aware of our actions and help promote safety. There are more children out on bikes, more opportunities for fireworks, and more water in our creeks and streams. Your watchful eyes make a big difference in keeping this a wonderful summertime for everyone. As we handle the challenges that come with progress, I hope we will all enjoy this fun and busy time of year.